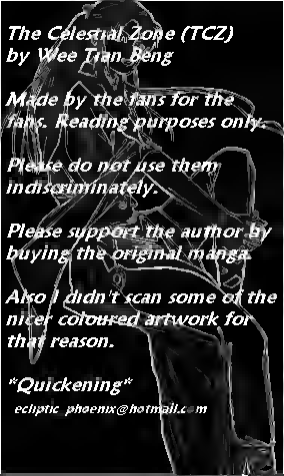
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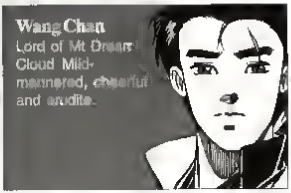
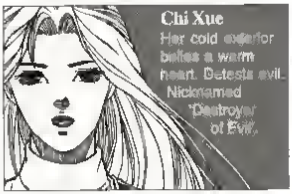
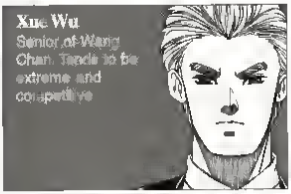
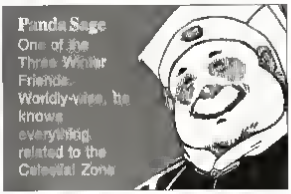


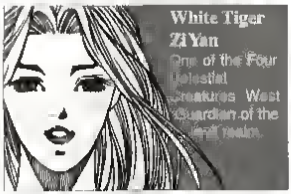






Moon
Monarch
Head of the
most powerful
Moon Sect
reigning over
the western
sphere of the
evil realm

Panda Belle
Daughter of Panda
Sage. Renowned in
the Celestial Zone for
her culinary and
sewing skills.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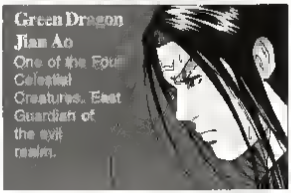
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Right-hand envoy
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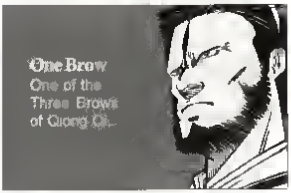
One Brow
One of the
Three Brows
of Qiong Qi.

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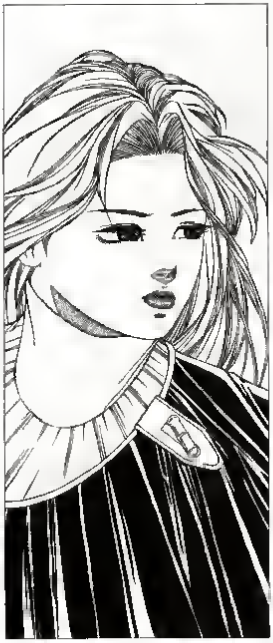


Recapturing...

Wang Chan, Xue Wu and Wei Qi embarked on a battle with strong exponents like White Tiger, Green Dragon and Jade Rabbit from the evil realm. Poisoned, both Wei Qi and Chi Xue were languishing on the verge of death. To everyone's amazement, the Aura of E-mei burst forth from Xing Ling's body and repelled the evil creatures.

Seeing that Chi Xue's condition was more critical, Danian Chuyi treated her with the legendary acupuncture-moxibustion skill known as the Mystical Twelve Earthly Branches. To save Wei Qi, she sent Wang Chan to obtain the scales of the Dragon Fish. On his way, Wang Chang ran into the alluring seductress — White Tiger Zi Yan...

Xing Ling frantically tried to control the Aura of E-mei in her body. Should this aura, which had taken on her image, reassemble, it would break out of Xing Ling's body, killing her. Her condition was just as critical!

Quickening

Thanks for reading TCZ!
Please buy the original manga!

Ha! My forehead doesn't carry the word "evil"...
You say I'm evil, but have you ever seen me do evil?
The fight with the Destroyer was an ordinary one. We serve different masters, so it's no surprise someone got hurt
In the forest I hurt no one!
But someone molested me there though...
No! It wasn't deliberate!
Red as a tomato again!

Whatever it is, you owe me one
Besides, we can choose to go wherever we wish
You have no right to stop me from walking beside you
Hurry Your friend's condition is critical Stop wasting time!

Let me introduce myself. I'm Zi Yan, but you can call me Yan-er.

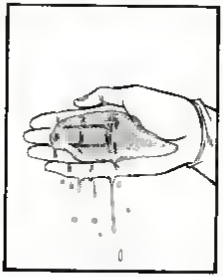
CORPSES
UNDER THE
FULL MOON

Big Head pays his respects to you, Almighty Guardian!

You took five days to come?
I... I travelled day and night... but I was no match for you in speed...

BAP
Where is Xiaosheng?
Chief is returning from his retreat Xiaosheng has to be his escort.
He will come as soon as he can.
Humph! All useless bums!

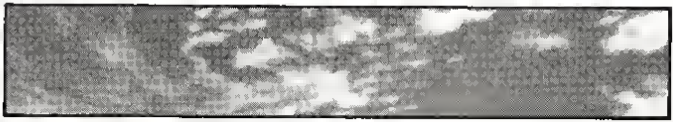
Listen! The people from Mt Dream-Cloud are hiding in Bamboo Grove 300 li away
Keep watch outside the grove and look out for a girl with short hair
Remember: do not go into the grove or you'll be dead!
Zi Yan has gone southwards with one of them When they return, inform me!
Yes!
Gasp! Dam it! I'll have to find a place to recuperate



Chan, I'm back
Look, I've found so many fruit!
So fragrant!

I've roasted a fish. Do you want it?
Don't keep munching your buns and biscuits! They're tasteless!
Have some fresh food. Don't worry. I won't poison you

It's been days, yet you still won't talk to me!
Don't pull a long face. I didn't offend you...
Ha, ha!



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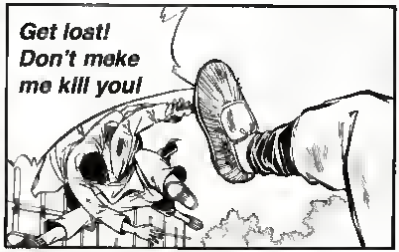

Get lost!
Don't make
me kill you!

Ma! Pa!
Help!
Waiii! My
child...!
Don't
take my
rice!

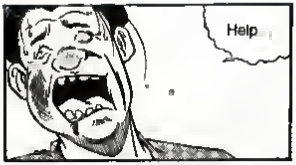
* Hua Village

Shut up, all
of you!
Utter one more
aound and I'll
slaughter you!

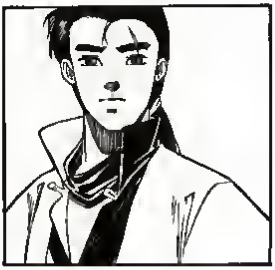
Ha, ha, ha! I'll build a fortress on a hill and make your daughter my wife!
Why should you cry over it? Ha ha, ha!
Bastards! I'll fight you, scoundrels!
Get out of my way!

Hee!
A bunch of fools!
Why fight over
the girls?
Wow! What
a beauty!
Wow, I
want her!
Hi!

How are you?


Help

Fear not. You'll be fine soon



KONG
Well? You don't like it?
Wah!

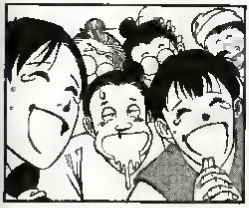
Ha, ha, ha!

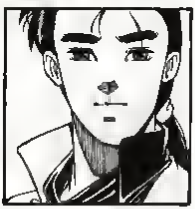
Silly girls, stop crying. They're all gone

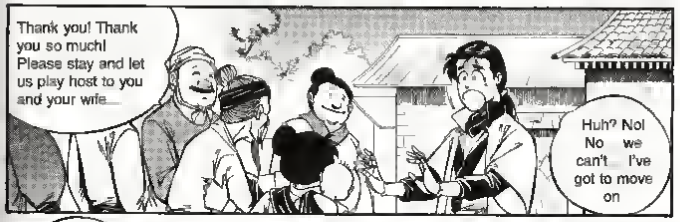
Thank you.
Thank you!
Thank you!

My beauty...
Thank you...
Here I come!

You're our benefactress!






Thank you! Thank you so much! Please stay and let us play host to you and your wife...
Huh? No! No... we can't... I've got to move on

Why travel in the dark?
You need to rest. You can carry on tomorrow morning...
Ha! That's it! Stay here for the night and have a chubby baby soon!

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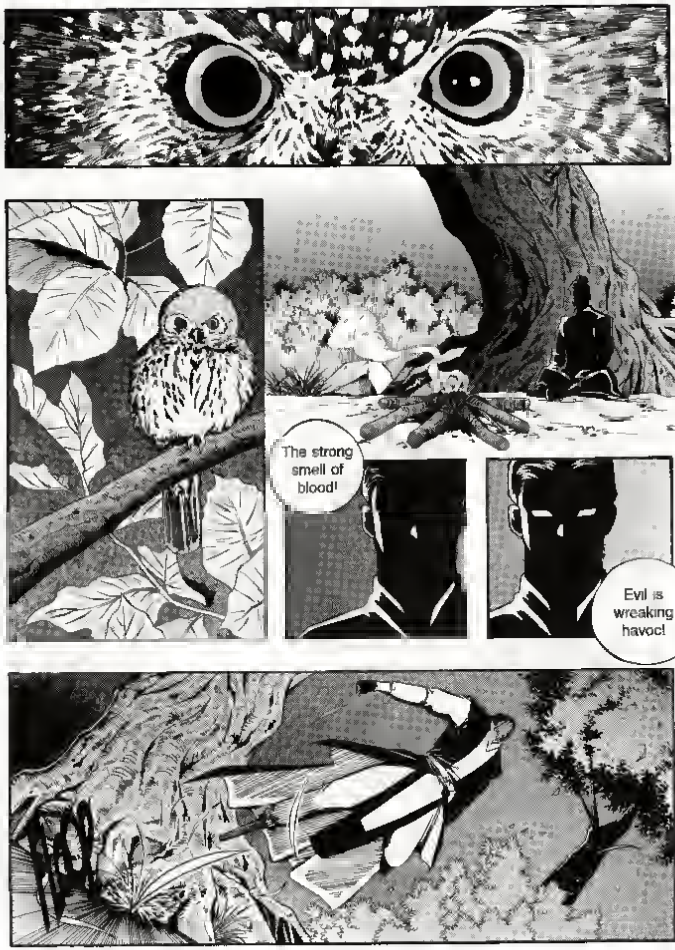
Another scene of bandits robbing the village again? Isn't the author sick of it?
It's different. This village was robbed by defeated soldiers
In those days, this was common. You'll get used to seeing it
Really? I think the author is running out of ideas!
Oh really...

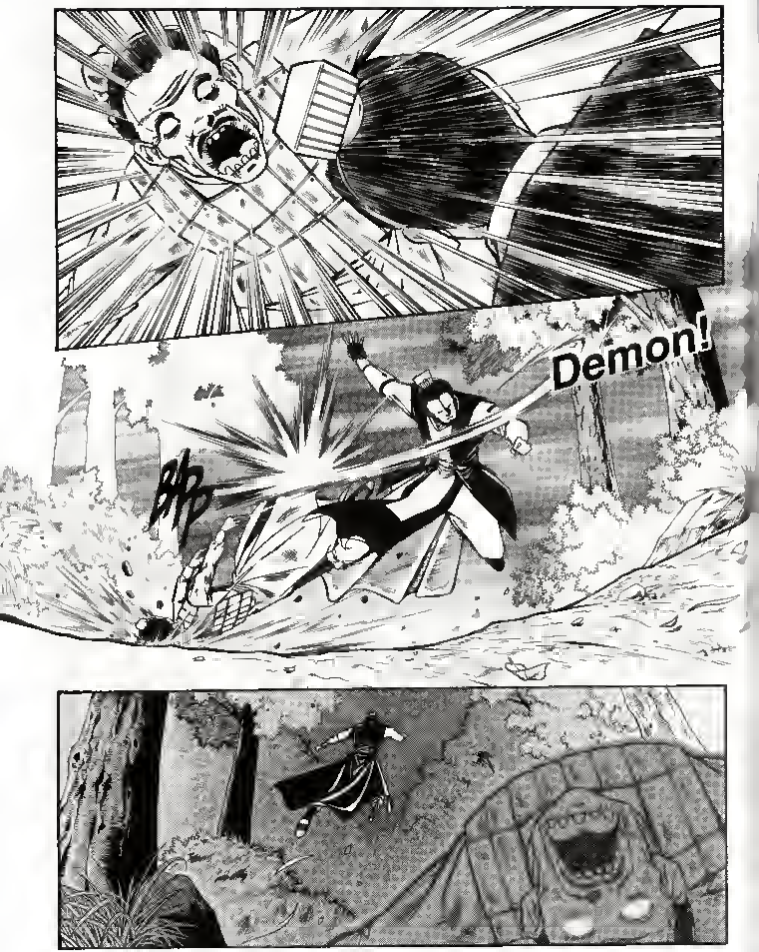
Hic... I've had too much to drink... I must pee... Ho ho!
Hic— e full moon again! Ha, ha good— I can see better— He ha...
That silly boy doesn't even want to sleep with such a ravishing beauty...
Ha, ha, he's the stupidest idiot in the world! Ha, ha!

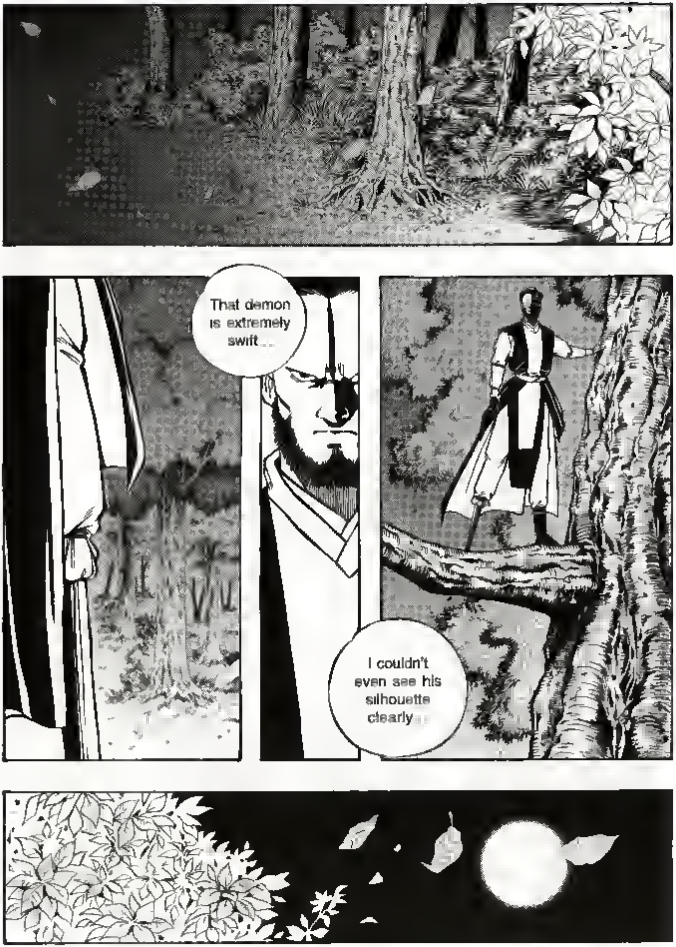
Ah... That's better!
Huh?

Shh! Keep quiet
Hey! You're sure that wretch is around?
Yes, General! I saw them celebrating
They must have got drunk by now.
Outrageous! It's a shame that I, General Pan of Wei
I'll make that wretch suffer double punishment! Hee, hee!


The strong smell of blood!
Evil is wreaking havoc!

You dare run away?


Demon!
BHP


That demon is extremely swift...
I couldn't even see his silhouette clearly...

ARGH
Aren't they those military deserters who robbed the village?
They died a terrible death!
Big Nose Ox is dead too
What happened?

Demons must have appeared last night
Last night? Could it have something to do with the strange couple?
Surely not! I saw them leaving before dawn
How can they be the killers?
Nobody knows They behaved oddly
That woman especially, had an evil air eround her....
Hey! Don't badmouth my beauty! The evil one is you!
What did you say, lecher?
How dare you insult me, you stupid goon!
Break it up, guys!
What shall we do now?
Report it to the euthorities!
...

I am a Red Panda.
Whew! I am full!
Burp ... So full that I can hardly move...
Belle, your cooking is so fantastic that we feel bloated
A good meal will give you strength!
I've had a good meal, but I don't seem to make progress in my practice.
Xing Ling, just relax and do your best

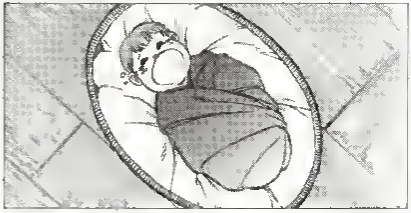
Chuyi, Belle, since I started my practice here...
... you've been visiting me and bringing me meals
Come on don't say such mushy stuff
Err, Chuyi, I've been wanting to ask you one question...
Go on
How come you have such a funny name — Danien Chuyi? It's odd! (Meny readers think so too)

Quickening

First Day of
New Year

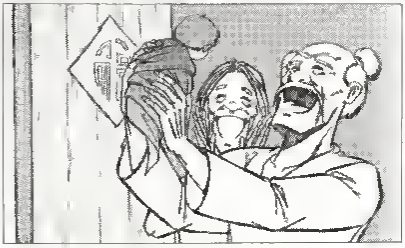
In chaotic times abandoned babies are a common sight

I was one of them



Not long after I was born, I was left at the doorstep of a poor couple

Fortunately, my adoptive parents hed no children They welcomed my arrival



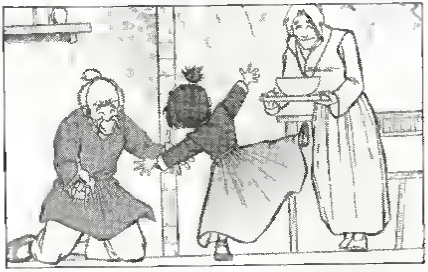
As they were illiterate, they named me after the day I was found — Danian Chuyi*

** This literally means the first day of New Year*

There is another significance attached — they hoped I would meet my natural parents one day

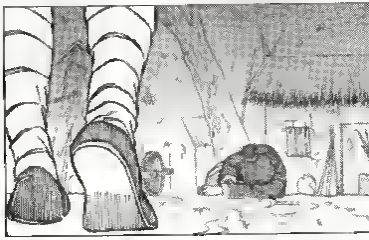
As the first day of New Year was the day I was abandoned by my parents, my name might bring about a reunion

Soon, four years passed



In an epidemic everybody else in the village died

Struck down by the illness too, I was passing out..

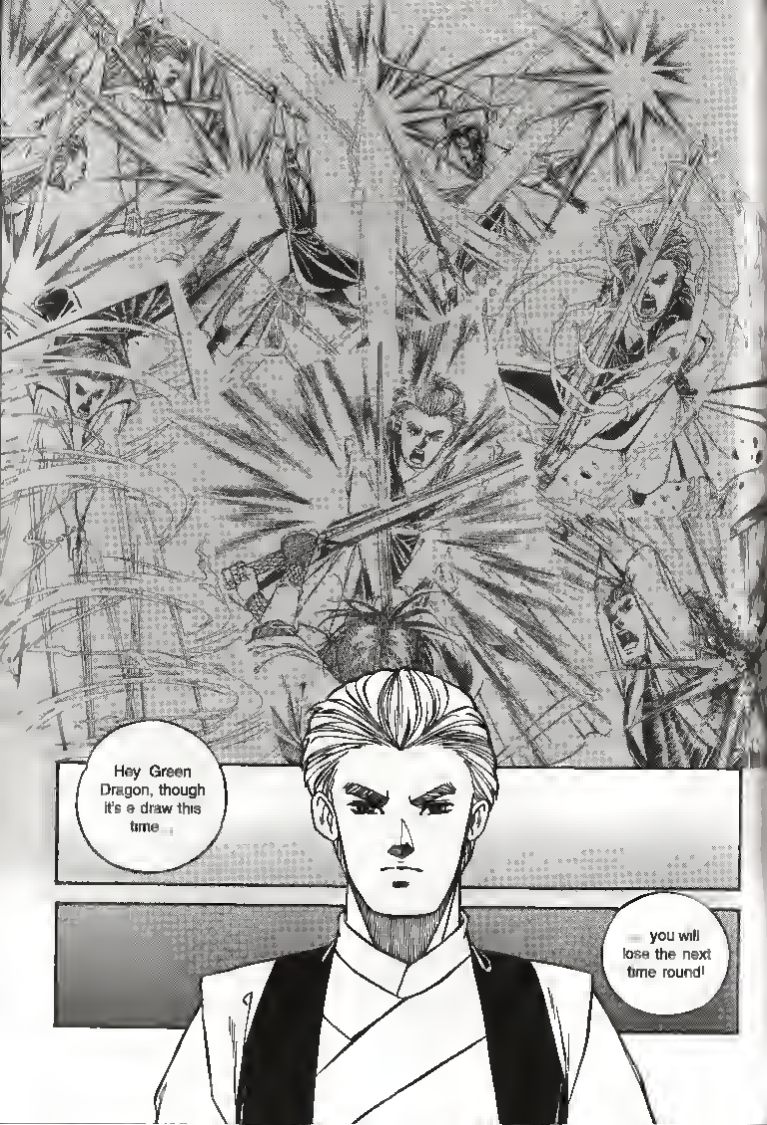


My teacher chanced upon me and took me away
In the next 12 years I learnt medicine from him.
Though people laugh at my name I still like it.
It's not because it can help me find my parents
To me, it embraces the love and concern of my adoptive parents.

It's my favounte name.
Denlan Chuyl — what a wonderful name!
Chuyl, I hope you'll be reunited with your parents
Thanks

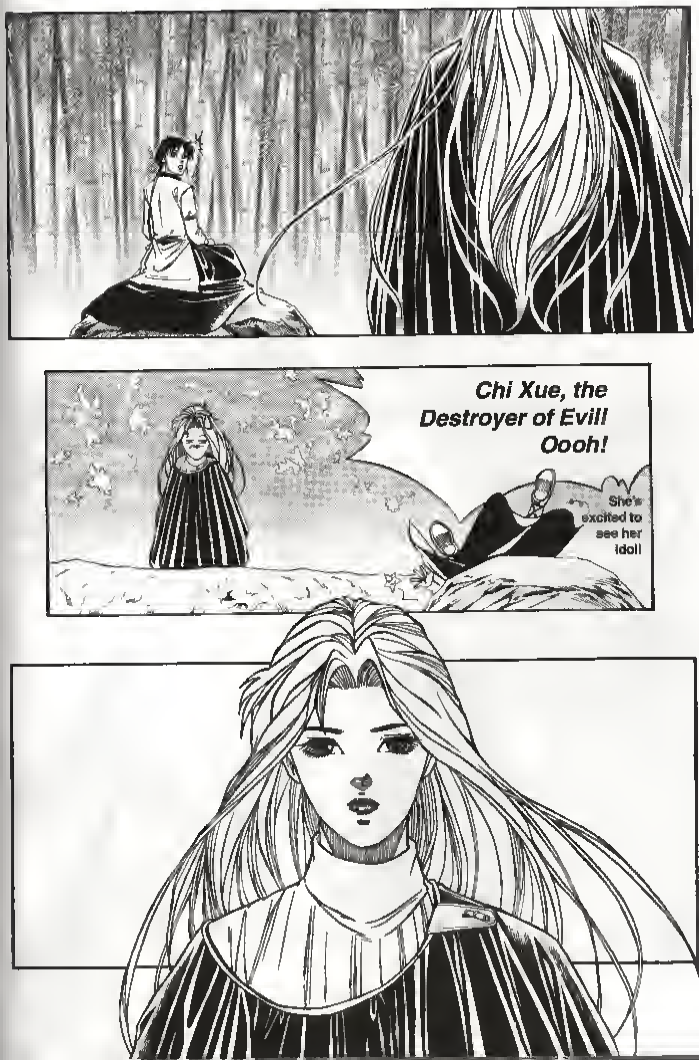
Oh dear, why did we make ourselves so glum?
Belle, it's time we left.
Chuyi, wait! How are Chi Xue and Wei Qi?
Qi has come round and the poison in him is under control, but he's still confined to bed.
He'll be fine if Chan returns in time with the antidote. I'll perform acupuncture on him daily. Don't worry.

Chi Xue, too, has come round.
She's recuperating. She should be able to get up and walk tomorrow
Great! I'll pay them a visit after my practice tomorrow
OK. I'll have breakfast ready for you. Buck up!
Hee!


Hey Green Dragon, though it's a draw this time...
...you will lose the next time round!

The mind can really boost one's strength
Rise!
Hoop

It's unbelievable that you only started training barely a month ago


Chi Xue, the Destroyer of Evil! Oooh!
She's excited to see her idol!

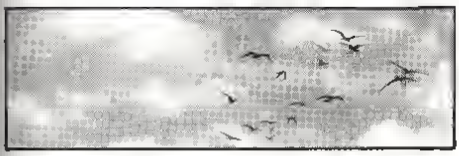
You... how come you're here?
Chan has told me about you
It's not impossible to liberete the aura within you
It depends on your own ability
Ah!

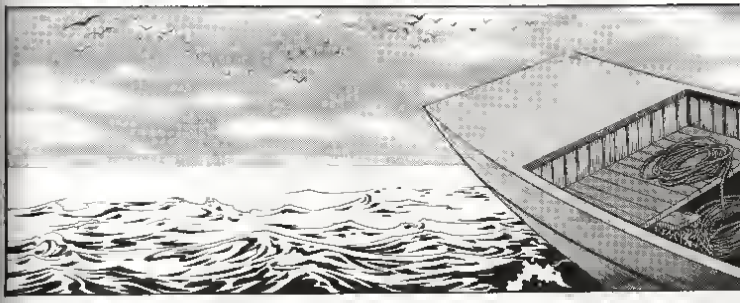
Once we reach a certain level, we can concentrate internal forces to form a mighty force!
That is the spirit sword!
You must concentrate this 100-year-old aura to form the spirit sword!
Only then can you liberate it from your body!
But with my present strength, how can I
Exponents in the Celestial Zone rely mainly on their own spirit

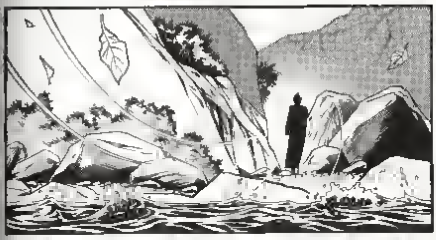
When one's own spiritual force has attained a certain level and control over one's spirit has improved
.. it can form a spirit sword to be used at whim.
In fact, your training serves to strengthen your spirit.
My case is different. The formation of my sword..
.. is based on the continuous blood flow in my body.

It's a rare technique proving that any part of the human body can attain the ultimate level
The formation of a blood sword is one example
But no second person has mastered this skill yet
If you can master it by virtue of your intelligence, you can achieve your goal
You mean... you'll teach me?
It's a request from Wang Chan
Besides, Weng Chan imparted his skill to you too But as men are different from women, the way of practice differs too
Men are *yang*-based with embodied *yin* energy while women are *yin*-based with embodied *yang* energy That explains our characteristic differences.

Therefore, we should use different techniques..
Men should strengthen the energy that springs from their abdomen, while women need to focus on reinforcing blood circulation
Men's energy is positive while women's blood flow is negative..
Now, I'll give you the formulae for the practice
Whether you'll succeed or not will depend on how fast you learn..



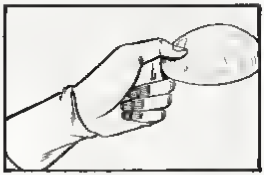




They're taking this direction. Are they looking for...

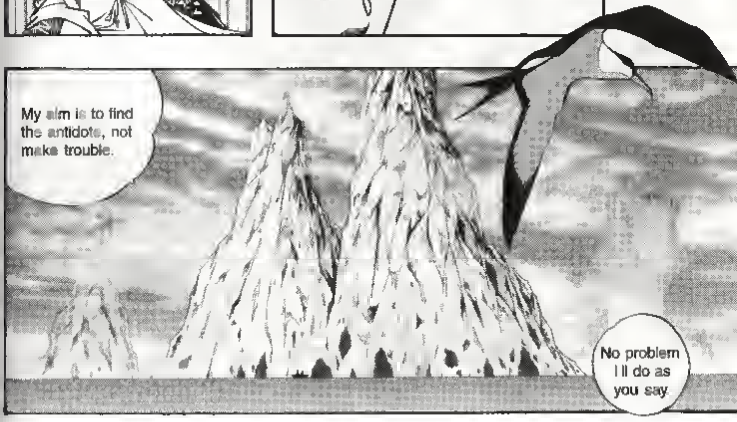
Chan do you think he'll follow us to the sea too?
I think he has an ulterior motive
...
...
Sigh! It's been over 10 days and you still won't talk to me
Surely you won't turn down my 100th invitation?
Are you so heartless?

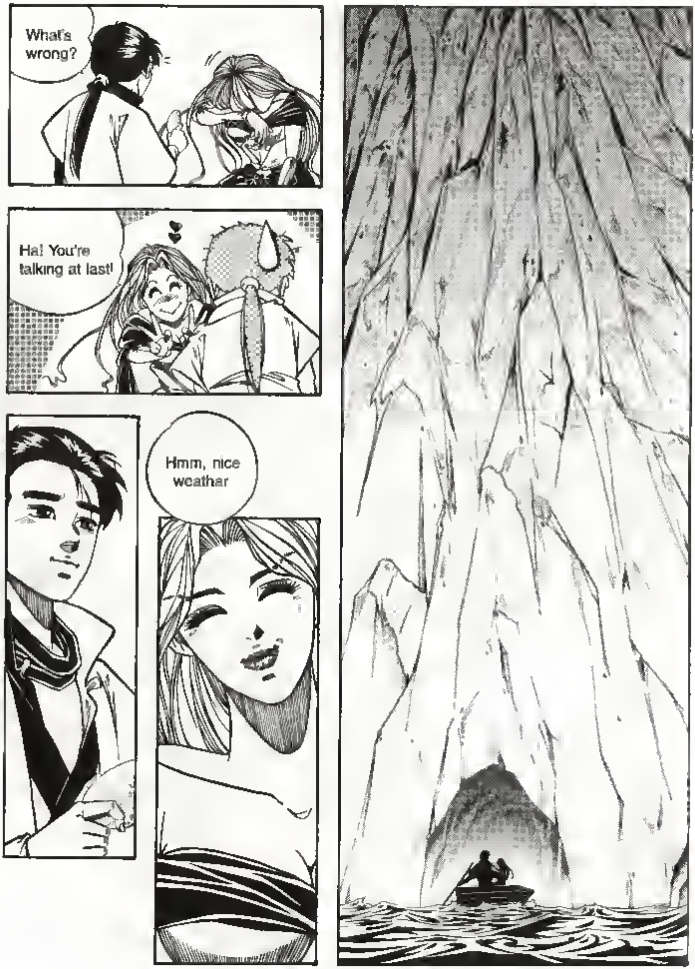
My hand is aching!



Wow! You've taken it finally!

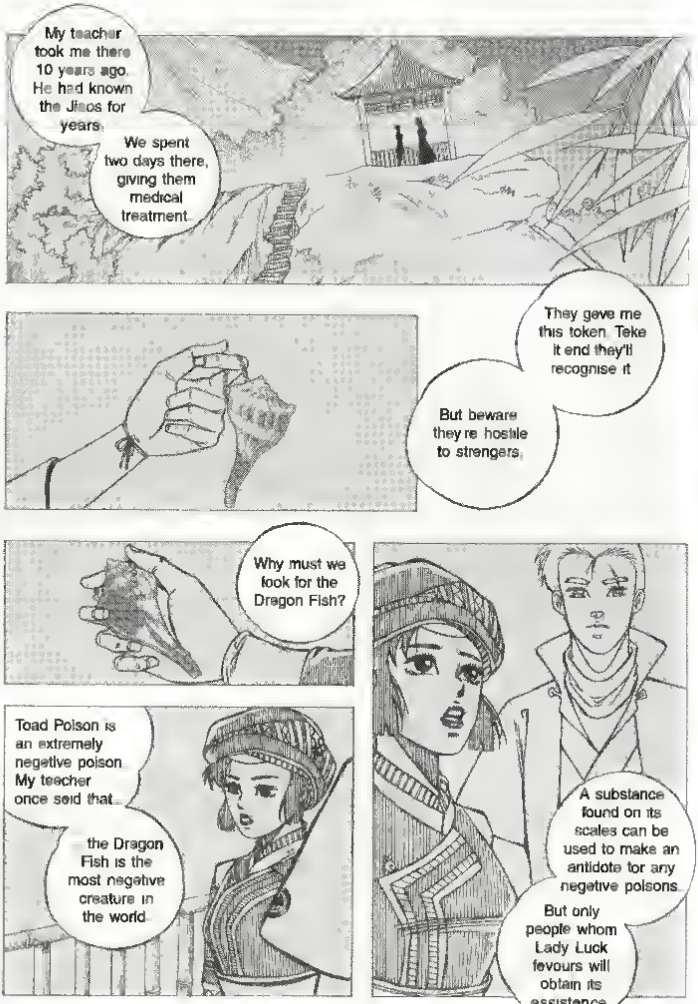
There's a lot here Help yourself There are different flevours

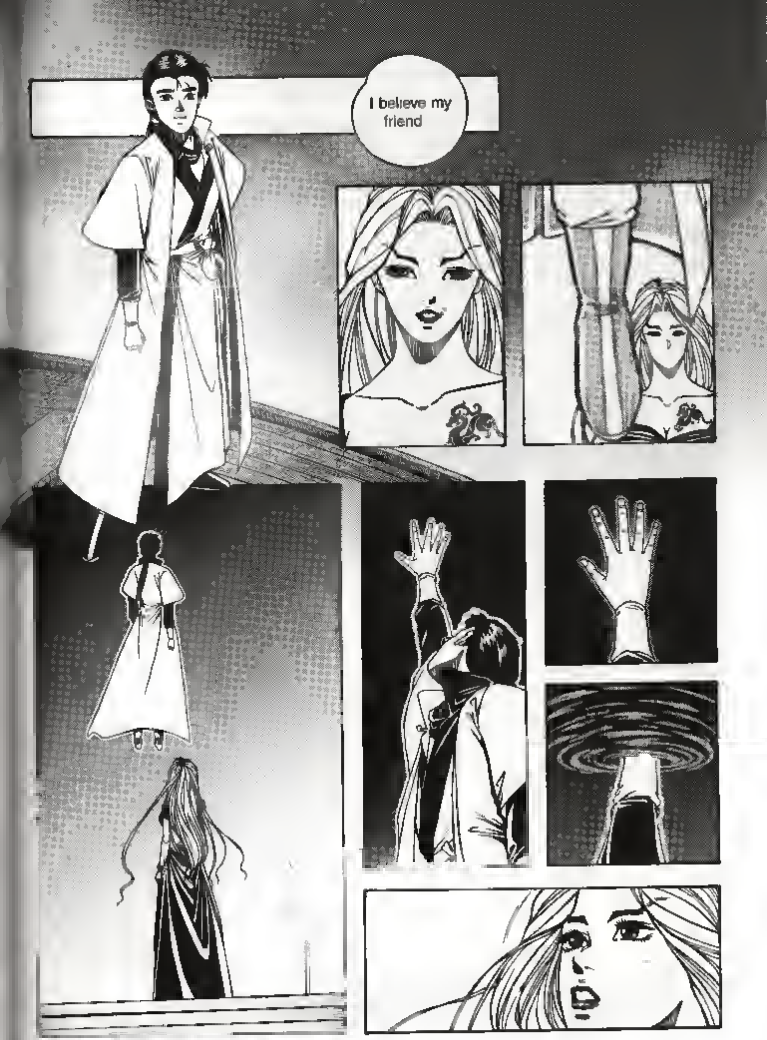

My aim is to find the antidote, not make trouble.
No problem I'll do as you say.

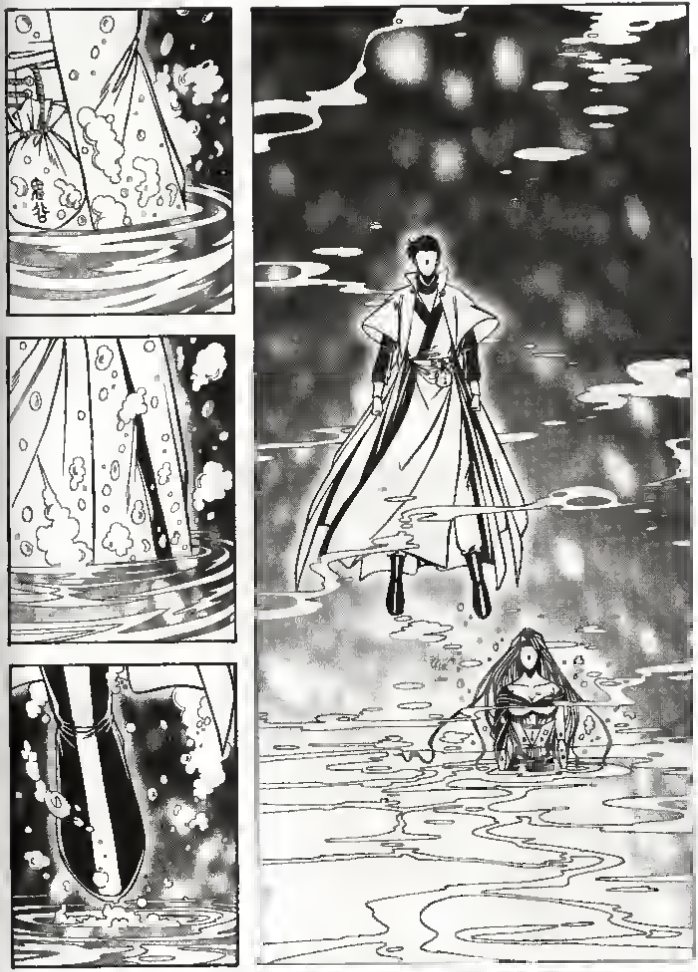

What's wrong?
Ha! You're talking at last!
Hmm, nice weather

It's not easy to find the Dragon Fish. Be on your guard
Dragon Fish? You're looking for this legendery fish?
Ha! I didn't expect such luck...

Four poles facing each other... This must be the place!
The legendary Dragon Fish is found in this lousy spot?
Chan, are you kidding?
Chuyi, how did you learn about the habitat of the Dragon Fish and the Jiaos?


My teacher took me there 10 years ago. He had known the Jinos for years.
We spent two days there, giving them medical treatment.
They gave me this token. Take it and they'll recognise it.
But beware they're hostile to strangers.
Why must we look for the Dragon Fish?
Toad Poison is an extremely negative poison. My teacher once said that...
...the Dragon Fish is the most negative creature in the world.
A substance found on its scales can be used to make an antidote for any negative poisons.
But only people whom Lady Luck favours will obtain its assistence.


I believe my friend



How chilly! Chan, it's eerie here. Be careful.
Is there anybody? I am...

Chan, is this the Dragon Fish?
No It's different from the description
Flop

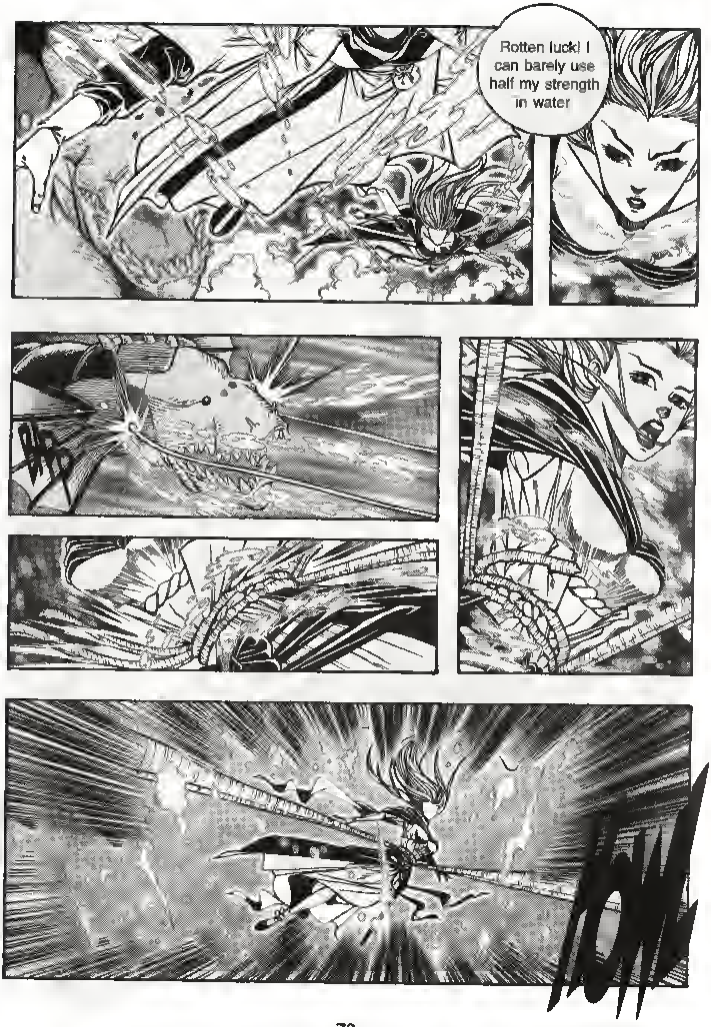
HOW

Beasts!

Wait! We came to seek a favour Do not harm them

Let's leave this place

Fine. As you wish.

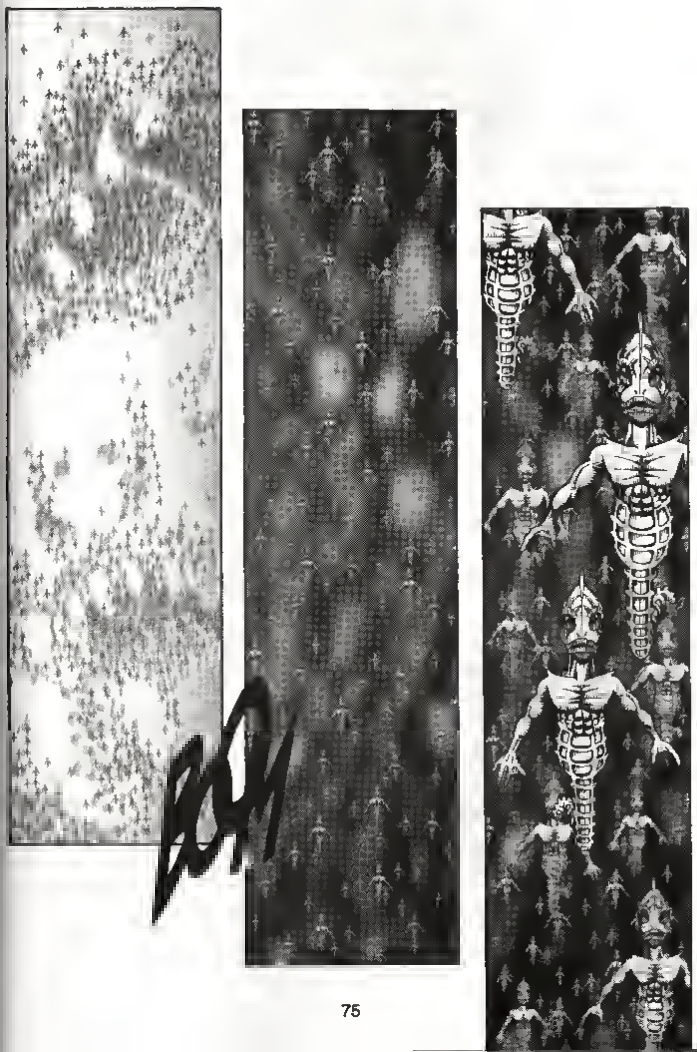

Rotten luck! I can barely use half my strength in water
WOMP

LIGHTNING SWORD OF ILLUSION!
THUNDER-LIGHT VIBRATION!!

HOWL

Darn! If this goes on, I might perish!
THE EXTREME YIN-YANG FORCE!

doop!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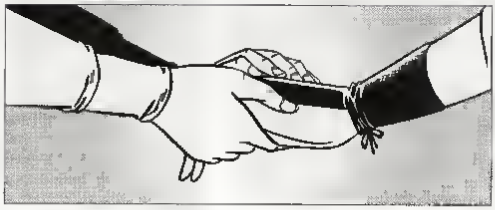

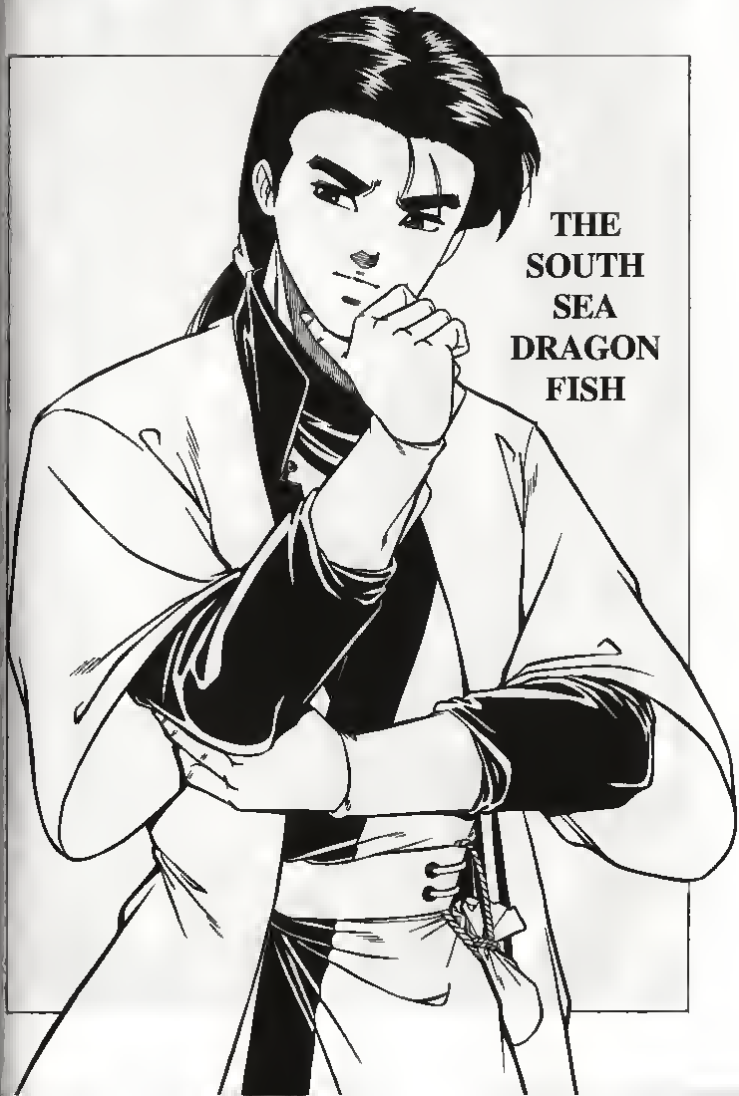
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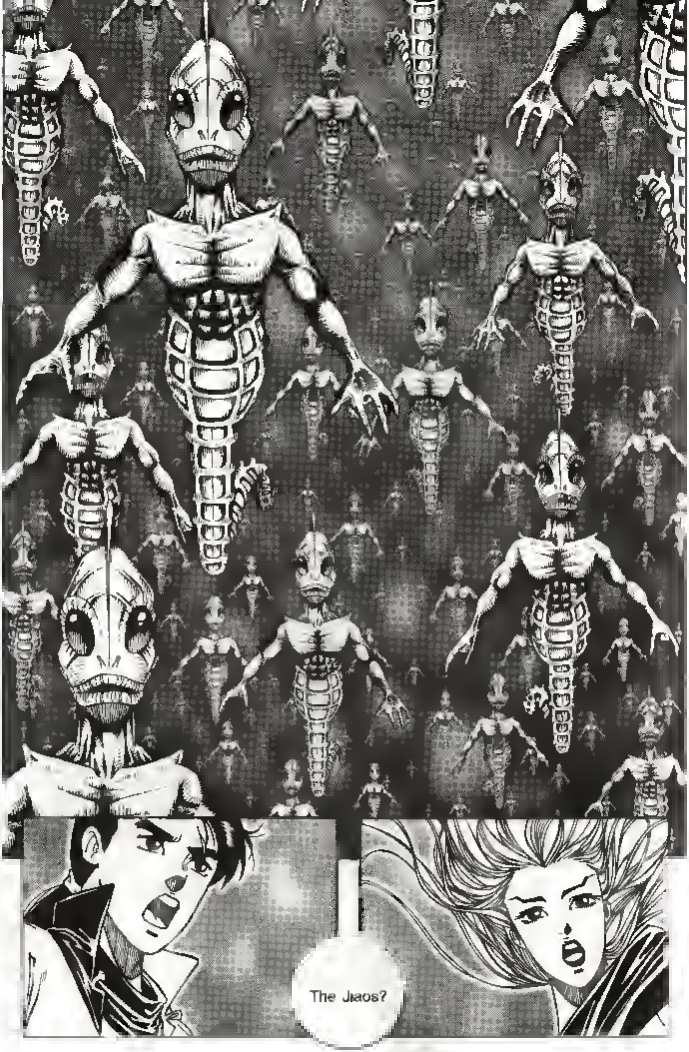

The Jiaos?

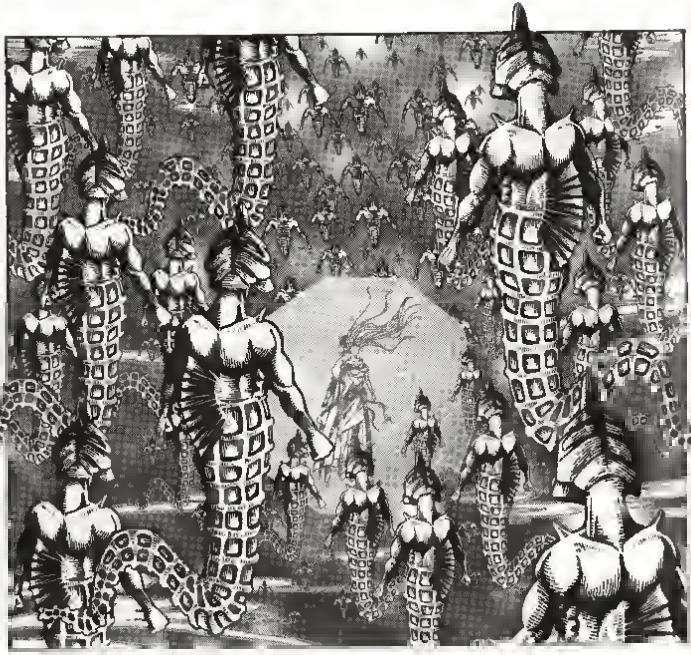
Chan!!
SWOSH
HOWL

PSH
Argh... so cold...!
SWOOSH

Thunder Vibration!
THUNDER VIBRATION!
THE EXTREME YIN-YANG FORCE!

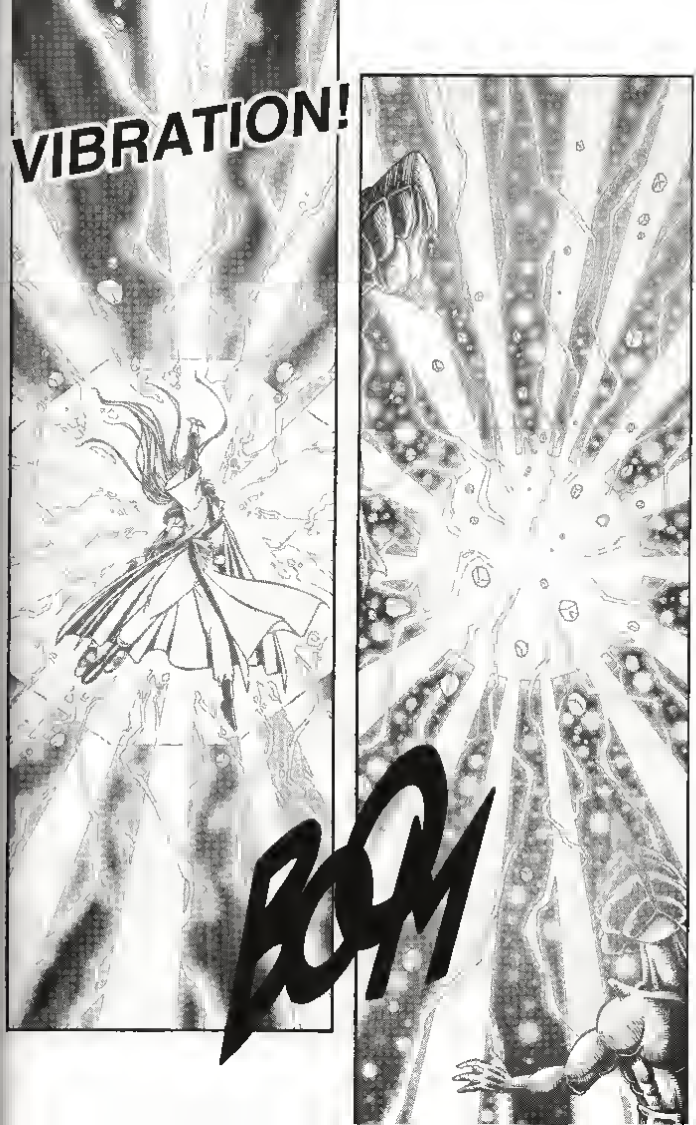
BAP
BAP
BAP
SHOW
SHOW
BAP
BAP
BAP

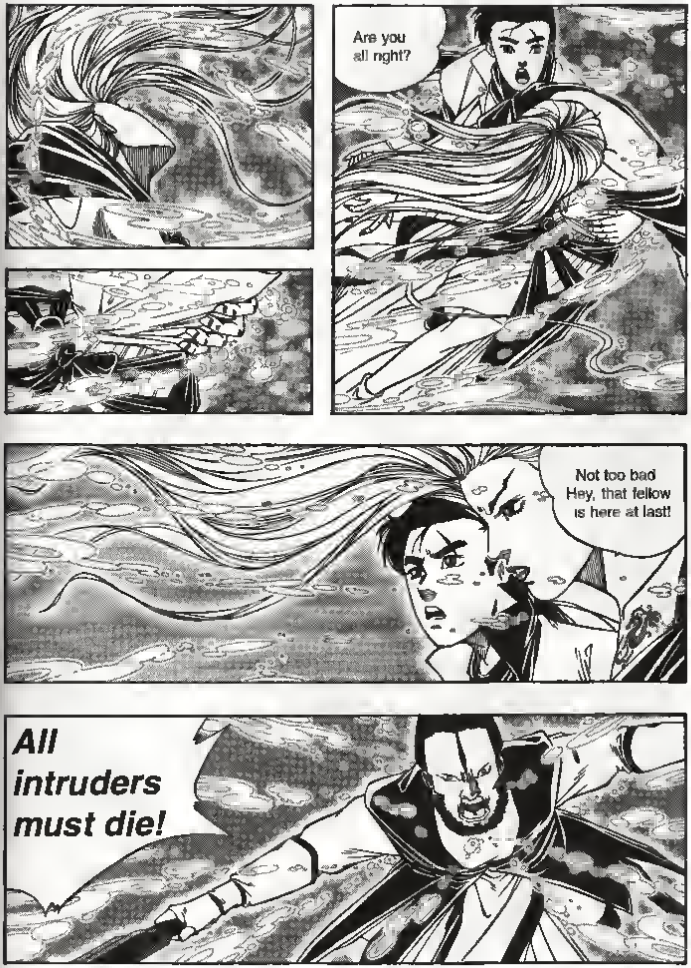
Oh no! My legs are getting numb...

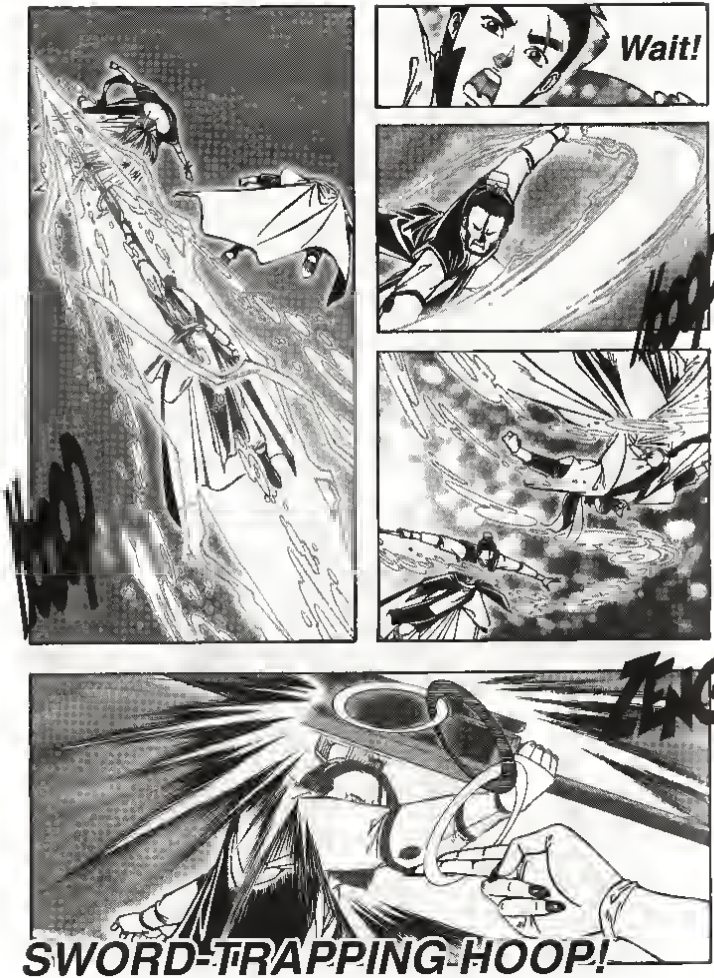


Chen, I can't move! What about you?
Same here!
Chan, I can't swim. Down here, I can only muster 40% of my strength.
I'll pass you my strength. Combine it with yours.
It's the only way to get out of here.
Fine.

WHOOSH
HOWL
THUNDER-LIGHT


VIBRATION!
BOOM


Are you all right?
Not too bad Hey, that fellow is here at last!
All intruders must die!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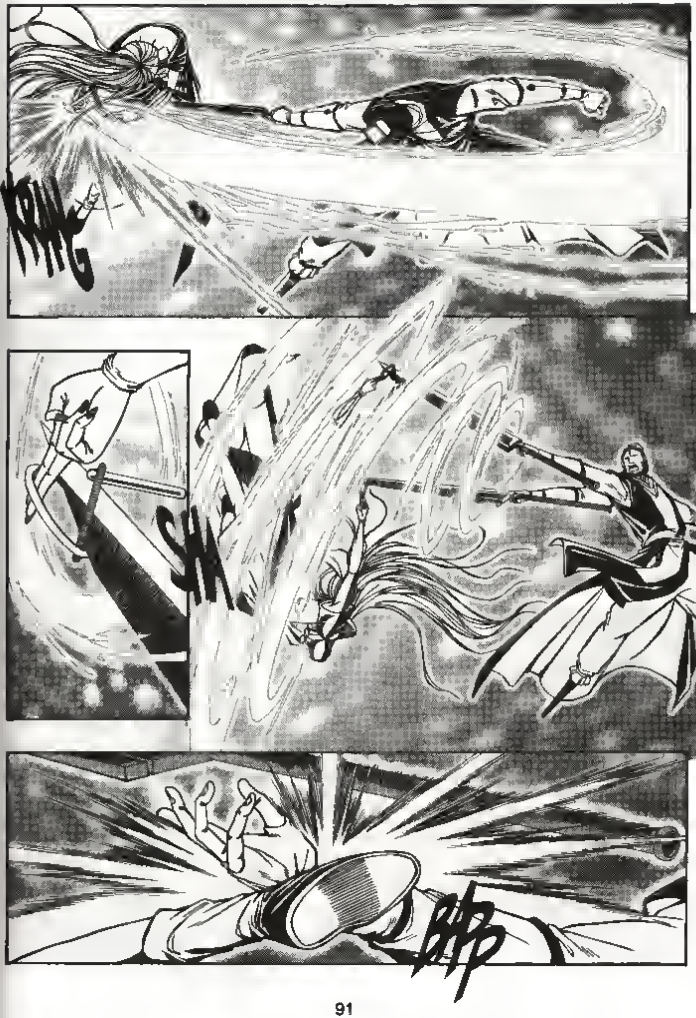
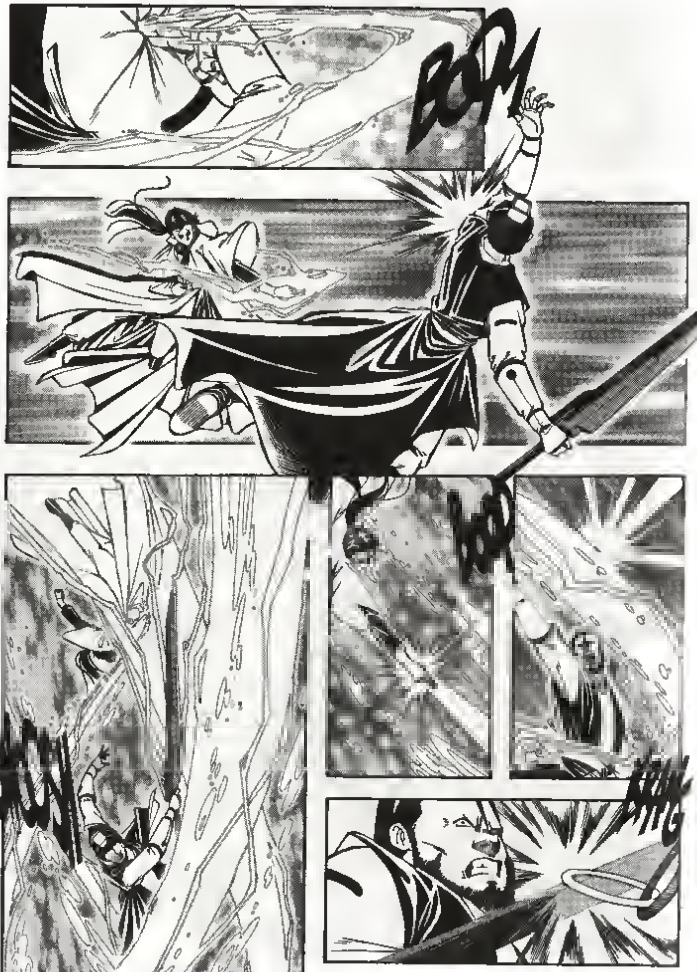
HOOP
ZENG
SWORD-TRAPPING HOOP!


KRANG
SHA
BHP

BRP
hoop
RETURN OF
QIONG QI!

SWOOSH
SWOOSH
SWOOSH
SWOOSH


BOOM
BOOM
KRAK
KRAK

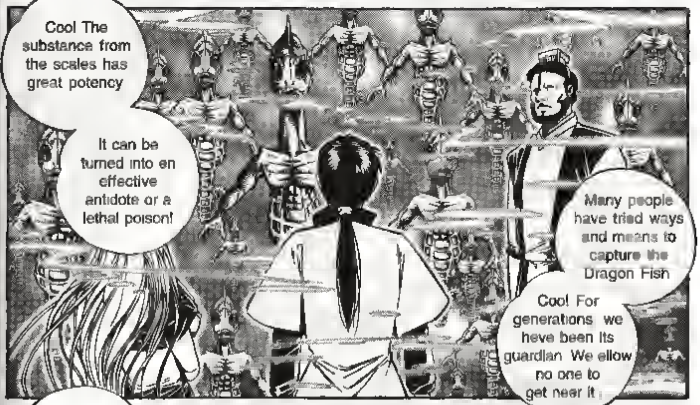
What? Here it comes again!

HOOP
BOOM
KRAK

Hold it! We have no ill intentions
A young couple with formidable strength!
Are you OK?
Yes
If we were on shore, he wouldn't have had his way!
Do you still remember this token?

Cool Little Chuyi!
Cool! It's the token we gave to Little Chuyi! Cool
I am Wang Chen from Mt Dream-Cloud, sent by Chuyi to seak a favour from the Dragon Fish

Oh, so you are Wang Chan! Ho ho! I've heard of your name!
Why do you want to see the Dragon Fish?
You boor! You hit him without asking!
A friend of mine has been poisoned. Another friend who knows medicine
says we need a substance from the scales of the Dragon Fish to neutralise the poison
To see the Dragon Fish you need their permission!
Coo! How is Little Chuyi? How we miss her! Coo!
She's fine. She misses you too. If there's a chance, she will come over.

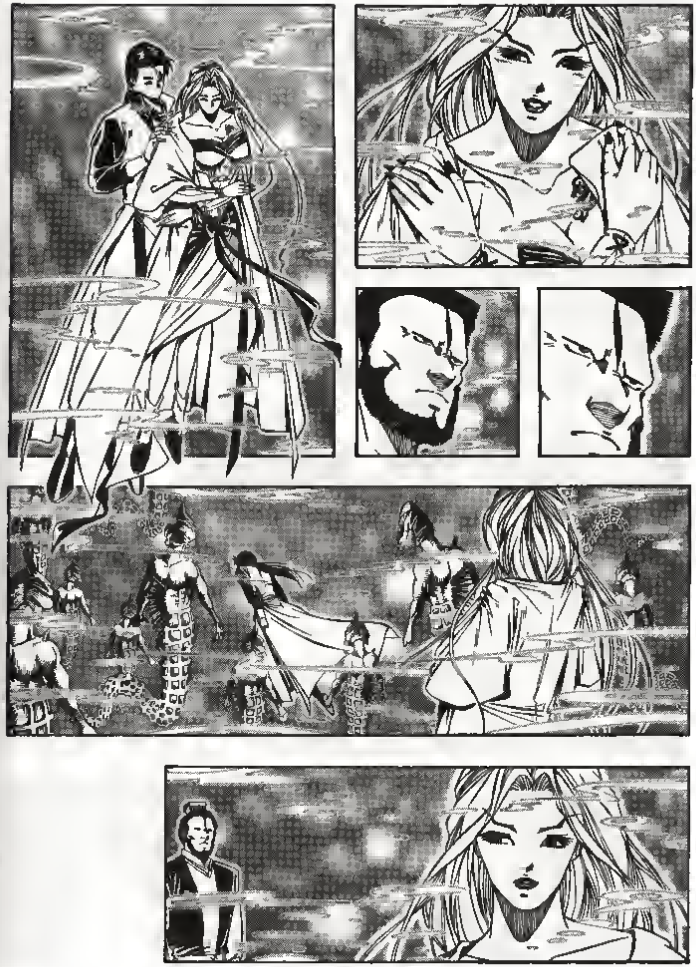

Cool The substance from the scales has great potency
It can be turned into an effective antidote or a lethal poison!
Many people have tried ways and means to capture the Dragon Fish
Cool For generations we heve been its guardian We ellow no one to get near it

Cool Chuyi is a kind-hearted girl Her friends must be kind too Cool
We trust Chuyi end you We can take you to the Dragon Fish Cool
But since you re seeking its help, you cannot force it to eppear
It all depends on whether it's willing to see you

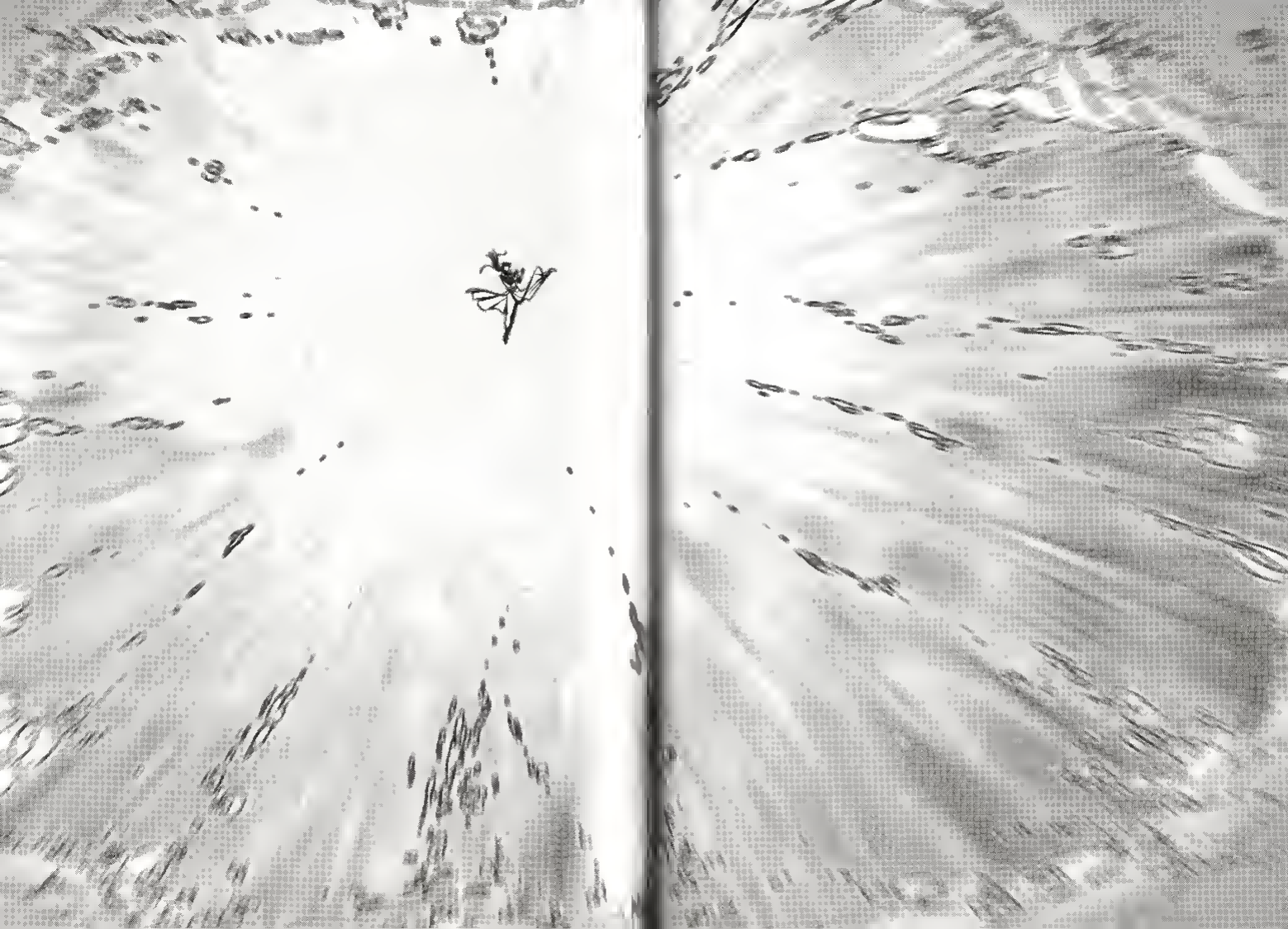
Thank you I'll try my best

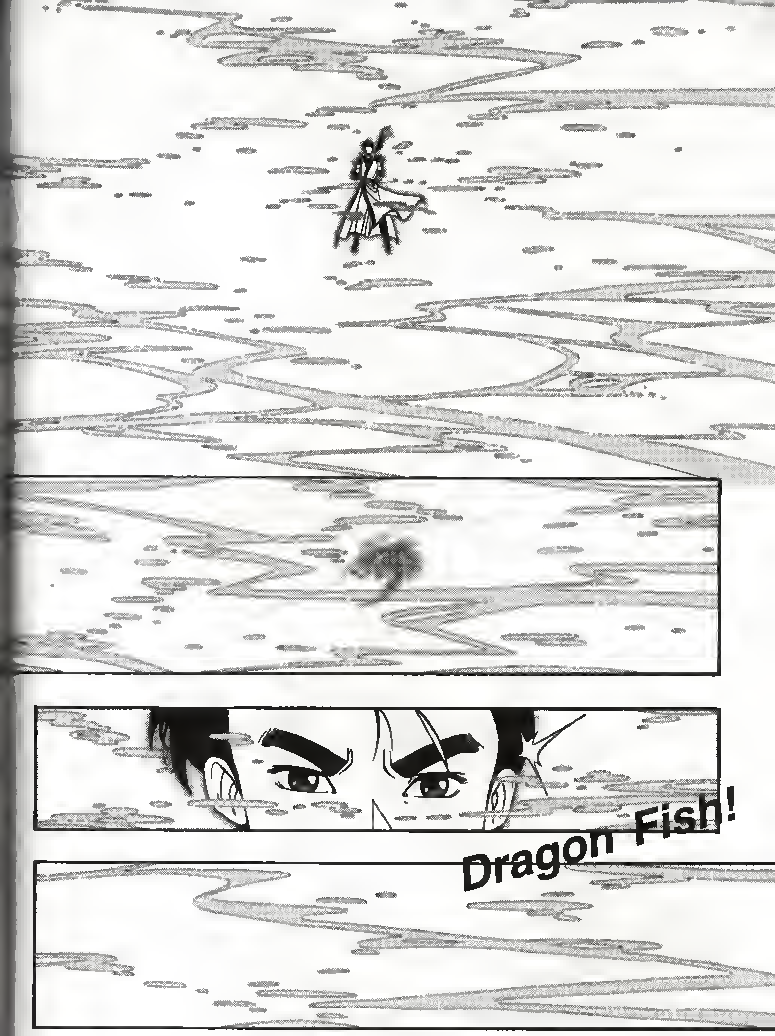
He! Good lad! I am One Brow from Qiong Qi Peak. Did I injure you?

Qiong Qi? One Brow?
Hey, are you that capable?
Coo! Friend, step forward and use your heart to locate the Dragon Fish...
Next, use your heart to see it. Coo!
Use my heart
Chan, I have difficulty breathing. I can't go with you.
Take a rest then
Be careful



Use my heart?
Use my heart to see...
Why has the surrounding suddenly become so gloomy?
I heve trouble breathing too...

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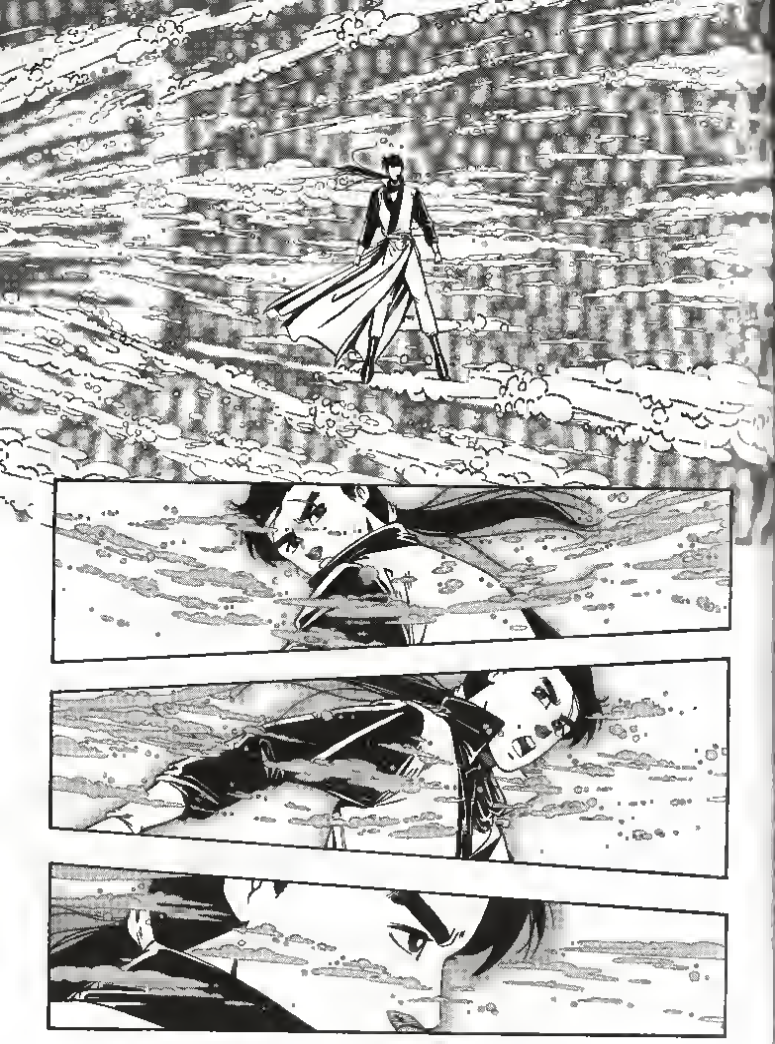

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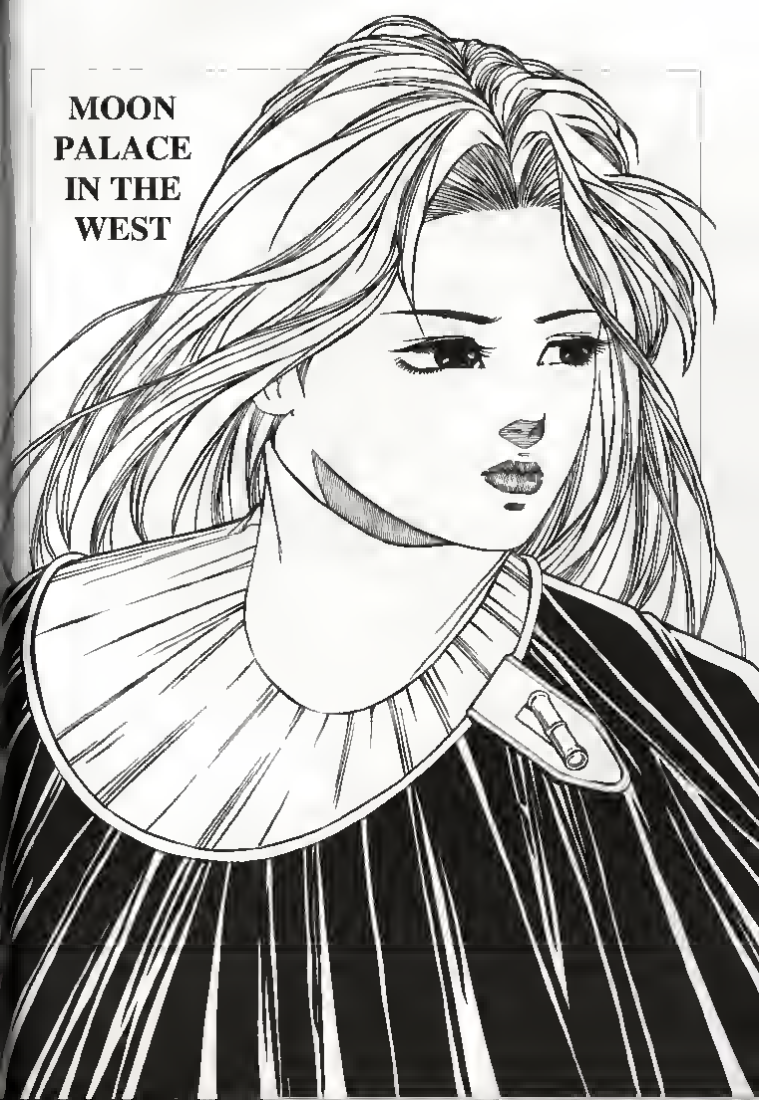
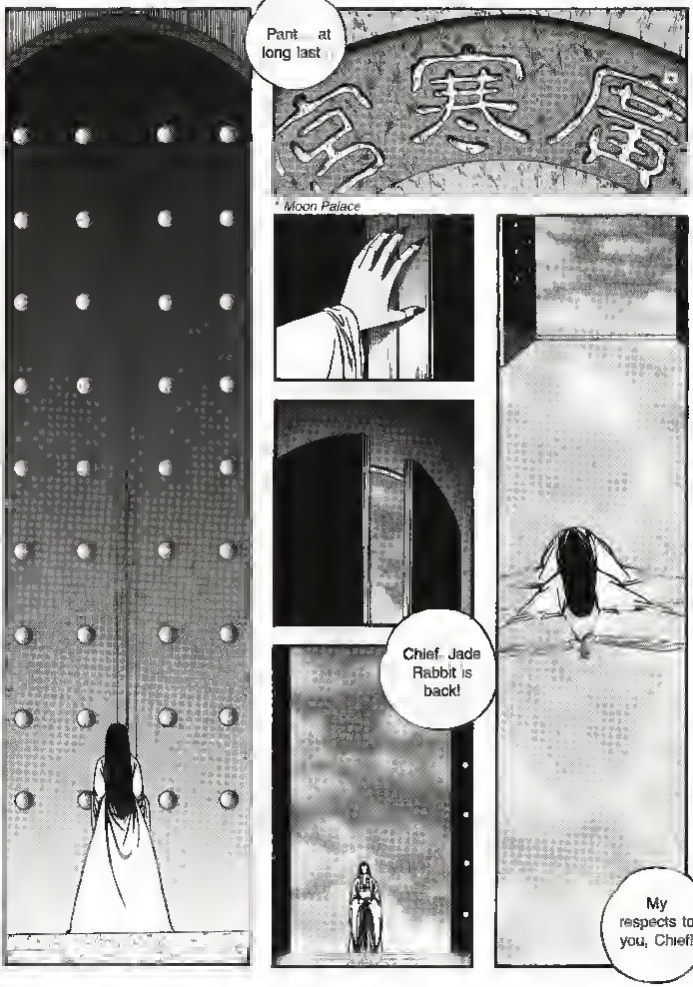
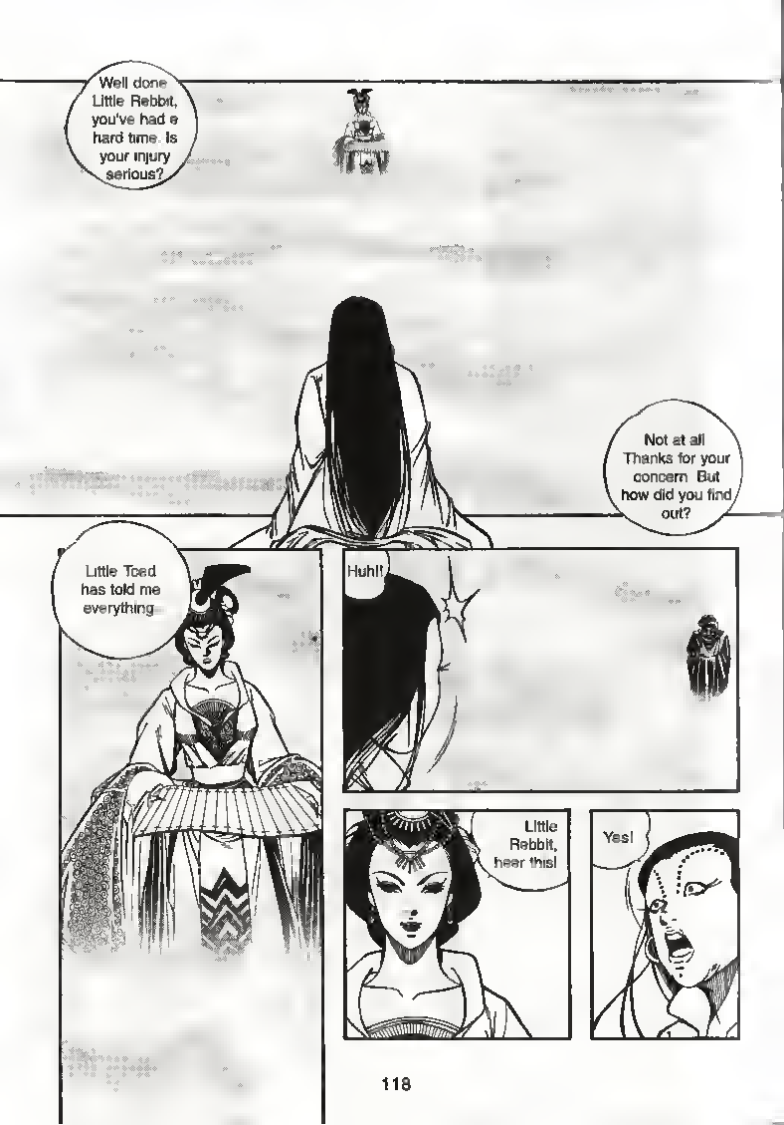

MOON
PALACE
IN THE
WEST

Pant! Darn it! Toad has been missing since we came back. Where is he?
He gives me the creeps...
Most annoyingly, he has never uttered a sound since we met.
He must be mute! Mute!
By the way... I don't even know if he's male or female.
Darn it! A toad is a toad! Slimy and sneaky!


Pant... at long last...
寒宮
* Moon Palace
Chief... Jade Rabbit is back!
My respects to you, Chief!


Well done Little Rabbit, you've had a hard time. Is your injury serious?
Not at all. Thanks for your concern. But how did you find out?
Little Toad has told me everything.
Huh!!
Little Rabbit, hear this!
Yes!

We've learnt our lesson — we underestimated that bunch from Mt. Dream-Cloud!
Before we launch an attack, we must gather more information on them
I want it all ready before my senior Blazing Sun returns from his retreat!
Yes!

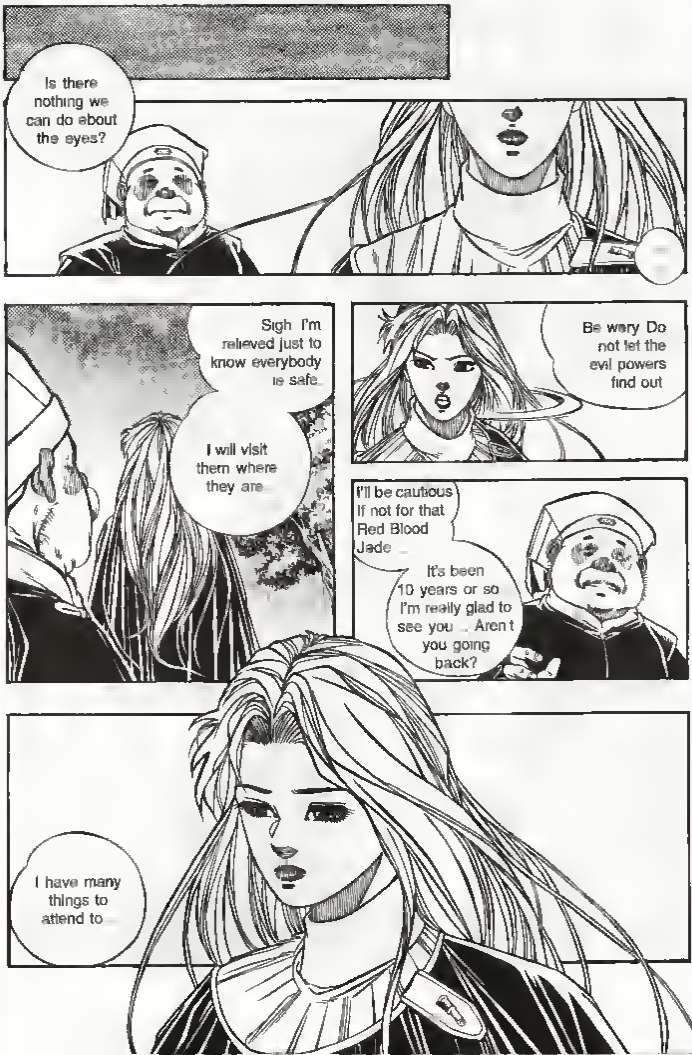
Chuyi, Chan made arrangements for Xing Ling before he left
So he already knows Chi Xue?
Hmm. Xing Ling and Wei Qi mentioned that they know each other.
But neither of them knows the details.
They must be more than friends. A girl as aloof as Chi Xue
— wouldn't impart her skill to Xing Ling just because of one request.

I don't think Chi Xue is an aloof person
When I first met her, she was holding tightly onto a child though she was in a coma
Besides, she's such a dedicated teacher that she even lends Xing Ling the Red Blood Jade
I'm sure her concern is genuine.
Let's hope she can really help Xing Ling.
Otherwise, poor Xing Ling ---
I hope so too

My father says Chi Xue is the best expert upholding justice in the Celestial Zone
... and is also a rare genius. Isn't that terrific!
She was said to have only spent three months on devising a unique skill...
... and mastering the spirit sword. It's the shortest time known.
I wonder if Xing Ling can break the record
Huh? Chuyi, you think that's possible?

I don't know if she's a genius But Wang Chan says she has special abilities.
She's been very diligent, and with a good teacher guiding her...
... the possibility exists.
Ha, ha! Xing Ling buck up!
Right, buck up!
After over 10 days of struggle, he has come round
Didn't you see him urging Elder Pande to play chess with him?
Chuyi, Wei Qi's condition has improved, hasn't it?

Wonderful. Xue Wu has been practising hard too
We'll emerge as a much stronger force and need not fear the evil powers!
Don't let your father hear it
Chuyi, Chi Xue is a ravishing beauty
She and Wang Chan will make a perfect match.
Nonsense! Xing Ling suits him better! Xing Ling is a nice girl too
The hottest topic on the Net. Ha!
I prefer Wang Chan to be with Chi Xue.
I prefer Xing Ling!
Chuyi, look! What's that?

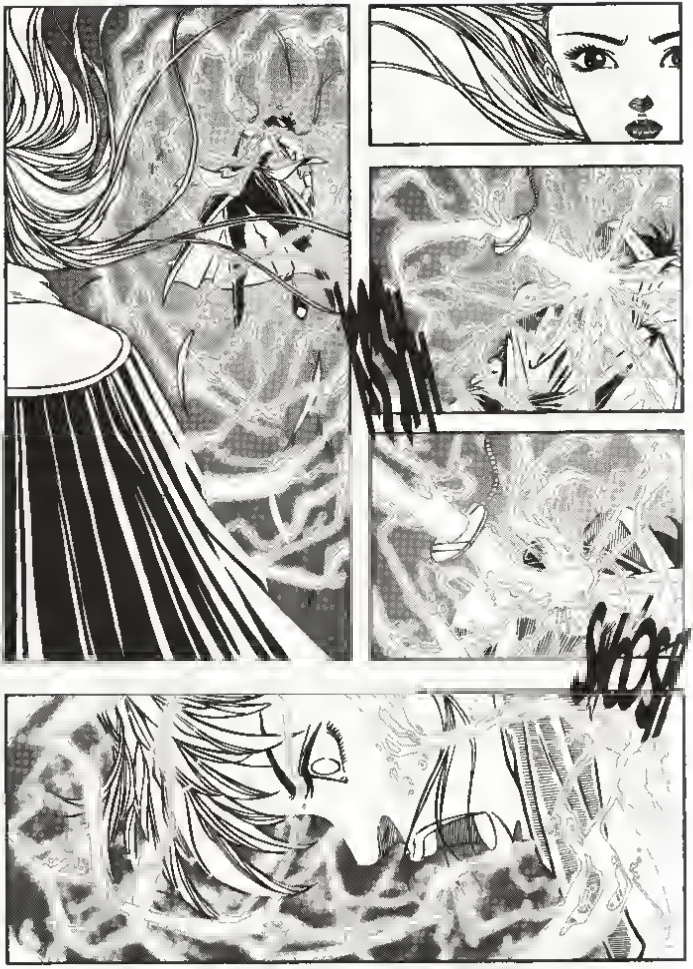

Is there nothing we can do about the eyes?
Sigh I'm relieved just to know everybody is safe...
I will visit them where they are...
Be wary Do not let the evil powers find out
I'll be cautious If not for that Red Blood Jade...
It's been 10 years or so I'm really glad to see you... Aren't you going back?
I have many things to attend to...

Surely you're not challenging the evil realm all alone?
Xue-er you might be stronger than the Four Celestial Creatures, but you might be no match for the three evil leaders!
Besides, the evil realm is thriving...
Qi told me you know Wang Chan of Mt Dream-Cloud. Why don't you join forces with them?

Hey, Father!
Belle, Chuyi, what's the matter?
We're going to pay Xing Ling a visit. Hmm?
Father, you and Chi Xue seem like buddies
Ho ho, ho! I have to get more information from the top expert here
Chi Xue and Xing Ling have got much better
Take them to the spring in the back tonight
Relax yourselves
I'll go take a rest

Chi Xue, how is Xing Ling getting on?
She learns faster than I expected
Can she master the spirit sword within a short time?
Impossible
Ah! Such a strong aura!!

flap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Hoop
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SKOSH
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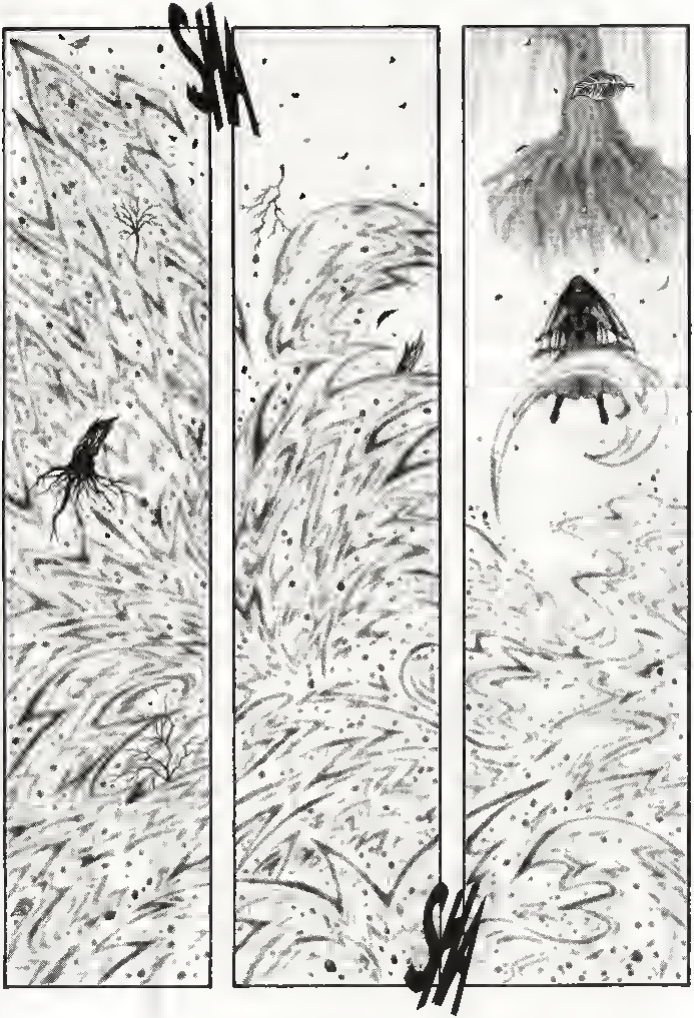

Ha!
Ha! Ha!
Ha! Ha! Ha!
Ha! Ha!
Ha!
I've made a full recovery!

Stinking wretch!
I'll tear you into pieces when I find you!

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GAA
GAA
Children, go trace their whereabouts!
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GAA

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